

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 have been examined and are pending in the application. Claims 1-20 have been rejected.

***Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e)***

Claims 1-9 and 13-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakanishi et al. USPN 7,080,259 (hereinafter “Nakanishi”).

For at least the following reasons, Applicants traverse the rejections.

**Independent Claim 5**

Amended claim 5 recites a feature of each said recording media comprising a non-contact Integrated Circuit chip configured to record a key data element, and a cartridge configured to record said encryption data.

In Nakanishi, the divided key and the electronic value information are recorded in the same memory area of the server. Claim 5 separately records a key data element in a non-contact IC chip, and thereby it is possible to access the key data elements at high speed.

Therefore, claim 5 contains patentable subject matter and the Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejection of claim 5.

**Independent Claim 1**

Claim 1 is patentable at least for reasons discussed above for claim 5.

**Independent Claim 7**

Claim 7 further recites a feature of storing the key data in a key data storing unit of any recording media “other” than the recording media storing the encryption data. The Examiner contends that Nakanishi discloses all the features of claim 7.

Nakanishi discloses generating encryption electronic information by encrypting electronic value information obtained from the electronic wallet means 101. See col. 20 lines 42-46 and Fig. 13. Nakanishi further discloses storing the encryption electronic information in electronic storage means 113 coupled with the partial key group A. See col. 20 lines 46-55 and Fig. 13. . To the extent, that Nakanishi discloses storing divided keys to multiple storage means, Nakanishi does not suggest storing the encryption electronic information in “a plurality” of storage means.

Further, in the sixth embodiment of Nakanishi, the encryption electronic information is stored in the same storage means as the partial key group A. See col. 20 lines 46-55 and Fig. 13. Therefore, Nakanishi does not disclose storing the key data in a key data storing unit of any recording media “other” than the recording media storing the encryption data.

Therefore, claim 7 contains patentable subject matter and request the Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejection of claim 7.

### **Independent Claim 3**

Independent claim 3 recites *inter alia* features that distinguish over the cited art (Nakanishi) similar to those features that patentable distinguish claim 7 over the prior art. Independent claim 3 is thus patentable at least for the reasons claim 7 is patentable. Claim 3 is also patentable by reason of the other limitations contained therein.

### **Remaining Dependent Claims**

All the other claims are patentable based on their dependency.

### ***Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)***

Claims 9-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakanishi.

For at least the following reasons, Applicants traverse the rejections.

Nakanishi does not disclose or suggest all the features of the independent claims.

Therefore, claims 9-12 are patentable at least based on their dependency.

***New Claims***

New claims 21-26 have been added.

***Conclusion***

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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